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Smuggling rising

New Delhi (IBS) - There has been an all round spurt in the sale of smuggled foreign goods in the metropolitan cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, and Delhi since the Emergency ended nearly two years ago.

One can buy anything - from a hair pin to a colour TV set from pavement vendors in these cities. According to some customs officers, these pavement vendors had become a part of the city's life. They said that the vendors had disappeared from the pavements during the emergency but their operations continued via the telephone.

Some pavement vendors claimed that everything "we sell is not smuggled. People returning from abroad and wanting to dispose of articles they had brought with them also contact us as we have a ready outlet."

Asked how far was it correct that some of the goods sold by them were manufactured in this country and only stamped as "made in Japan or USA," a vendor said this was confined only to textiles, toys, perfumes and cosmetics. "It is difficult to make polaroid glasses, cameras, TV sets and electronic goods."

The monthly turnover of the pavement vendors was described as "fantastic" by customs officers, as the margin of profit was quite high.

Rape charge against Bihar CM

Patna, Feb. 17 (UNI) - A school teacher of Kathmandu, Miss Prem Lata Rai, has filed a complaint before the local judicial magistrate against Bihar Chief Minister Karpuri Thakur, Food Minister Mahabir Prasad, Inspector-General of Police R Lal and Janata legislator Baidyanath Pande, alleging wrongful confinement, rape and conspiracy to forcefully obtain her signature on certain papers.

The magistrate examined Miss Rai on affiration on February 5 and kept the complaint for having it inquired into. The complaint has been filed under Sections 376, 342, 420, 384, 386, 354 and 511 of the Indian Penal Code.

Miss Rai has alleged that Mr. Thakur had criminally assaulted her while he was staying in Kathmandu in July 1975. She further alleged that Mr. Thakur had in writing agreed to marry her.

Miss Rai said she had come to Patna in July last year after Mr. Thakur became Chief Minister and tried in vain to meet him. Subsequently, she was kept in Baidynath Pande's residence, where she had allegedly been asked successively by Mr. Pande, Mahabir Prasad, Mr. Lal and Mr. Thakur to sign a paper stating that the "relations between me and Mr. Thakur were those of a daughter and father."

On October 19, she submitted, she signed two papers, one written and the other blank as she was frightened. She was sent to Kathmandu by plane the next day, she added.

Mr. Thakur has said that the criminal complaint filed by the Nepali woman was a move from his political opponents to tarnish his image.

Khomeini invited to India

New Delhi, Feb. 24 (UNI) - Prime Minister Morarji Desai indicated today he would invite Ayatollah Khomeini to India, an Indian relative and emissary of the Iranian leader said.

Maulana Ali Nasir Saeed Abaqaati who met Mr. Desai this morning told UNI the Prime Minister had conveyed his regard for the Ayatollah.

The Indian people had always been sympathetic to the Ayatollah's movement, the Maulana quoted Mr. Desai as saying. He said Mr. Desai told him that he would invite the Ayatollah and Prime Minister Mehdi Daxarean to pay an official visit here.

"Mr. Desai hoped India's relations with Iran would grow stronger under the leadership of the Ayatollah", said Maulana Abaqati.

Meanwhile, Tehran Radio has repeatedly been broadcasting the message of greetings sent by Mr. Desai to the Iranian Prime Minister. In its several Pushto language broadcasts during the day and also in its external services the Radio had repeatedly quoted from Mr. Desai's message that "Iran and India are tied by the strong bonds of our ancient civilisations and culture."

Hard labour for Sanjay and Shukla

New Delhi, Feb. 27 - Sanjay Gandhi, son of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was sentenced to two years in jail today for destroying a film about political corruption.

A New Delhi court also sentenced Vidya Charan Shukla, former minister of information and broadcasting in Mrs. Gandhi's cabinet, to the same term, ending a year-long legal case.

Sanjay, 32, charged after his conviction, "It was a false case" and his attorney said the sentence would be appealed.

The sentence was the maximum allowed under Indian law and was the first successful prosecution of major figures from Mrs. Gandhi's government for offences during her 21-month emergency rule.

The two men were found guilty of ordering the seizure and burning of the Hindi-language film, **A story of a Chair**, which portrayed political corruption.

The prosecution charged that the film was burned at Sanjay's automobile manufacturing plant near New Delhi in 1975.

Mrs. Gandhi faces charges in three separate courts for alleged abuse of power and authority for personal and political gains during the emergency rule.

It was the first conviction against Mr. Gandhi out of about 20 cases pending against him for alleged illegal activities during his mother's last two years as prime minister before her defeat in the election of March, 1977. He was then one of the most powerful political figures in India.

Judge Vohra said that film, which satirized the political career of Mrs. Gandhi and exposed corrupt politicians, was brought from Bombay and taken to Mr. Gandhi's Maruti car factory on the outskirts of Delhi. There it was destroyed.

The positive print of the film was taken to the prime minister's office in a staff car of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the judge said.

Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Shukla were convicted of criminal conspiracy, breach of trust, mischief by fire, retaining stolen property and disposing and destroying evidence regarding the film.

Mr. Gandhi

Kosygin to visit India

New Delhi, Feb. 25 (UNI) - Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin will pay an eight-day official visit to India from March 9 to 16.

Mr. Kosygin will be accompanied by Soviet Foreign Minister Anderei Gromyko and a team of high-level officials of various economic ministries.

The highlight of the visit will be signing of a long-term trade agreement between India and the Soviet Union which envisages increasing their annual trade turnover from the present level of Rs 10,000 million to Rs. 150,000 Mill. 1985. The agreement would be initialled by Mr. Kosygin and Mr. Desai at a special ceremony here.

The two countries are also expected to finalise a cultural exchange programme to further strengthen their bilateral links.

More TV centres

New Delhi (IBS) - Three more television centres - at Bangalore, Trivandrum and Ahmedabad - are proposed to be set up in the country during the sixth plan, Information and Broadcasting Minister Lal Advani has informed the Parliamentary Consultative Committee attached to his Ministry.

In addition, nine relay transmitters were proposed to be set up at Vijayawada, Jammu, Cuttack, Ajmar, Madurai, Varanasi, Asansol, Murshidabad and Panaji during the sixth plan.

Originally, he said, the idea was to cover all State Capitals during the 1978-83, but due to constraints on resources, the Planning Commission had agreed to the inclusion of only three TV centres in the sixth plan during which five more radio stations are also envisaged at Jamshedpur, Tura (Meghalaya), Gangtok, Madurai and Agra.

Replying to a specific question, Advani clarified that the two horror films - "Exorcist" and "Jadu Tona" - had been banned by the Government on the recommendation of the Board of Film Censors.

Before the ban was imposed, the two pictures had good runs in major cities in the country.

Air Marshall Jena

New Delhi (IBS) - Air Vice Marshal S. Jena has been promoted Air Marshal and appointed Air Officer in charge of administration at Air Headquarters. He took over his new office, Saturday, February 10.

Samaritan arrives from California

New Delhi (IBS) - Ernest O'Gaffney of Riverside California has arrived here in the course of his around the world trip in 79 days during which he proposes to raise $350,000 for the children of Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

The 40-year old former marine colonel led a comfortable life as a journalist before eight heart attacks made him realise how little he had done for other people. And with a pacemaker helping his heart he decided to do something but far from politics and religion. So he decided to do something for children because "they do not vote and they have no set religious beliefs till they grow up."

For his trip round the globe he had a special motorcycle built by Kawasaki in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Weighing 1,970 lbs. and 18 feet long, his motorcycle crossed the Alps in winter, the first such vehicle to do so, and his journey of 21,000 miles up to New Delhi was the longest on record for a two-wheeler.

His experience include riots in Istanbul, upheaval in Iran and an accident near Panipat, about 40 kilometres from Delhi. "I always thought New York cabbies were the most erratic drivers in the world, now I know better." When taking a bend near Panipat, two buses hit him headlong and sent him to a hospital for a few days.

He said he had changed his plans to give the money raised from sponsorship by 60 firms to UNICEF; its officials are far too concerned with their own comforts, in his view.

Kerala irrigation project

Vizhakkunnu, Quilon, Feb. 25 (UNI) - Union Agriculture Minister Surjit Singh Barnala suggested preparation of a master plan for the optimum exploitation of water resources of Kerala on the basis of well identified projects.

Formally launching the Rs 385 million Pamba irrigation project here Mr. Barnala said the states seven major irrigation projects had continued for a long period.

The mid-term plan of 1978-83 envisaged an outlay of Rs. 2000 million for major and medium irrigation schemes for which about Rs. 1250 million would be for the continuing schemes.

Except the Kallada scheme others would be completed during the current plan itself, he said. Mr. Barnala hoped the Pamba irrigation project would be completed as scheduled and its full benefit of assured irrigation to 41,680 hectares would be available by 1981-82.

The Pamba irrigation project, originally launched in 1961, is designed to benefit 20,000 hectares of land in Thiruvalla, Chengannaur Mavchikkara Taluk of Quilon district. When completed it would help produce 82,000 tonnes of paddy, 36,000 tonnes sugarcane and 14,000 tonnes of other crops. The project will provide irrigation for 40 villages.

Shukla chargesheeted

New Delhi, Feb. 25 (UNI) - The process of prosecuting those indicted by the Shah Commission for emergency offences has been set in motion with the filing of the first charge-sheet against V.C. Shukla, former Information and Broadcasting Minister.

The charge-sheet, filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation in the court of Special Judge D.C. Agarwal here marks the completion of investigation in one of the six cases in which the first information reports were filed in July last.

Mr. Shukla has been accused of entering into a criminal conspiracy with the late Narendra Sethi, then director of the Directorate of Audio-Visual Publicity (DAVP) and others in getting "poster designs made by DAVP artists for use in the 1977 general election in his Raipur constituency. A series of photographs were also specially taken for the purpose of photo division photographers.

PAK INTEREST IN ENGINEERING GOODS

New Delhi, Feb. 25 (UNI) - Pakistani firms are interested in importing engineering goods from India provided trade between private agencies in the two countries is allowed.

A Pakistan industrialist, who visited the Indian Engineering Trade Fair, told the fair authorities that there were a number of items in which Indian companies were competitive with other developed countries. He mentioned starters, switchgear and electrical motors in this connection.

Australia is also interested in importing heavy earth-moving equipment from India for use in its large coal and iron mining industry. This was indicated by Chief Executive of the Metal Traders Industry Association of Australia, R.G. Fry, during a visit to the fair.

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They are seen here joining the Republic Day parade on the back of elephants gaily decorated for the occasion.

China's feelers to Taiwan

Peking, Feb. 14 (UNI) - China is busy fostering "favourable conditions" for re-union with Taiwan.

For thirty years Chinese guns boomed to Taiwan the message that it is part of China's territory. Now Ministers and the media have set out to achieve what the guns could not.

Minister for National Defence DU Xianggian ordered on January 1 that the shelling of offshore islands be stopped forthwith. There has since been a spate of invitations, newspaper articles, and ministerial pronouncements seeking Taiwan's return to "the embrace of our motherland."

Belligerence has given way to pleadings and the whole campaign has a touch of yearning and urgency.

Some days ago, the Minister for Posts and Telecommunications proposed talks with the Posts and Telecommunications Departments in Taiwan for exchange of services "at an early date."

Mr. Wang Zigang said: "there has been no message between the mainland and Taiwan for thirty years. This state of affairs must be changed so that the people on the mainland and on Taiwan can exchange message and visits to enhance their understanding and eliminate feelings of estrangements.

"We are ready to hold talks at any time, ... we hope from the bottom of our hearts that the Taiwan authorities will with the same sincerity make efforts for such services and the reunification of the motherland."

Members of the standing committee of the National Peoples Congress backed up Mr. Wang's proposal in a series of statements.

One of them, Mr. Zhu Muefan, quoted a Chinese proverb as saying that "a letter from home is worth a thousand ounces of gold".

He went on to lament: "the Taiwan compatriots have been separated from their compatriots on the mainland for such a long time with no exchange of message. They can only meet their families, relatives and friends in dreams or gaze at the distant shore.

"How can this state of affairs be allowed to continue?"

In the midst of a strength of similar statements Mr. Hou Deyuan, Chief Engineer of the Directorate-General of Telecommunications, announced that his department was going ahead with preparations for establishing postal links.

He hoped that "the appropriate department in Taiwan will do the same quickly."

Invitations have gone out to appropriate Taiwan authorities to send cultural teams to participate in the national day celebrations.

Vajpayee on Vietnam

The following statement was made by India's Minister of External Affairs in response to a calling attention notice in Rajya Sabha (Upper House of Parliament) regarding the "reported attack by China on the Vietnamese territory and the Government of India's reaction thereto."

"Mr. Chairman, Sir, may I recall to the House that after the reports of the massive attack by Chinese troops across the Sino-Vietnamese border, the Prime Minister had, on February 18, issued a statement of our reactions to these developments? The statement expressed our profound shock and distress at the outbreak of hostilities which could endanger international peace and security. It also made an earnest plea for the immediate restoration of peace and, as a first step, towards cessation of hostilities, underlined the urgent need for the withdrawal of the Chinese forces from the Vietnamese territory.

I myself heard of these developments late in the evening of February 17, when I was in Hangchow, through a news agency report and the international radio network. As I was not near any of our diplomatic missions, I tried to gather as much firm information as possible. When reports confirmed these grave developments, I decided immediately to cancel the remaining programme of my stay in China and sought the help of the Chinese authorities to get to Hong Kong and to return to India the same day.

Asiatic society seeks aid

Calcutta, Feb. 22 (UNI) - Established by "30 gentlemen" on January 15, 1784 in the grand jury room of the Supreme Court of Calcutta, the Asiatic Society while nearing its bi-centenary is painfully waiting for Central financial assistance for survival.

As Asia was the "nurse of sciences and inventress of delightful and useful arts", the late founder President, Sir William Jones, chalked out a 16-point plan for oriental studies and revival of Sanskrit.

The Society, which enriched itself with priceless treasures, art antiquities and literature and became a pivotal centre of scholars has lately submitted a Memorandum to the Union Ministry of Education and Culture urging financial assistance of about Rs. five million.

In its Memorandum, the Society has approached the Ministry for a five-year staggering grant of Rs. 3.5 million to construct a building to commemorate its bi-centenary in 1984.

The Society has sought from the Ministry Rs. 200,000 to protect its over 40,000 rare manuscripts, antiques and coins for facilities of air-conditioning fumigation chambers, and lamination machines.

MOST DECORATED GENERAL RETIRED

New Delhi (IBS) - Lieutenant-General Z.C. Bakshi, the most decorated officer in the Indian Army, retired after 36 years of service. He was awarded the Maha Vir Chakra for his role in the 1965 operations while commanding a brigade which captured the Haji Pir pass in Kashmir - the most significant success of that year's operations.

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Justice A.P. Sen in his dissenting judgement said when a man commits a crime against society by committing a diabolical, cold-blooded, preplanned murder of an innocent person, the brutality of which shakes the conscience of the Court, he must face the consequences of the crime. Such a person forfeits his right to life.

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He met Mr. Vajpayee at the Great Hall of People immediately after the Press conference at which he told Indian newsmen that India and China should set aside issues on which the two countries were wide apart and "do some actual work to improve our climate and go about other problems."

Mr. Deng began his discussion with Mr. Vajpayee by observing that there were "some differences between our countries over the boundary question."

Mr. Vajpayee intervened to say that this was a fundamental difference.

Mr. Deng's reply was "of course" we should try to solve this problem as soon as possible. If not solved, efforts should be made to improve exchanges."

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Desai emphasised that India will not accept full-scope safeguards unless and until all States including nuclear weapons agreed to place all their civilian as well as military nuclear activities under safeguards.

The Prime Minister also informed the Committee that one unit of the nuclear complex in Hyderabad had been closed down because of the non-arrival of enriched uranium from the United States.

Guidelines for death sentence

New Delhi, Feb. 19 (UNI) - The Supreme Court in a majority judgement canalised the sentencing discretion under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code and laid down tangible guidelines when and why shall capital sentence be pronounced on a murderer, and why not in other cases.

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ANTI-RESERVATION STIR IN FAIZABAD

Lucknow, Feb. 25 (UNI) - The anti reservation agitation again erupted in Faizabad yesterday when educational institutions reopened after about a month.

According to reports received here, anti-reservationists damaged 15 Government buses by stoning them.

U.K. team pleased

New Delhi, Feb. 23 (UNI) - A trade mission of the Birmingham Chamber of Industry and Commerce now touring India believes India's liberalisation policy on imports would be a long term process.

D. Owen, Chairman of Rubery Owen and Chairman of the Overseas Trade Policy Committee, and R. Edwards, leader of the mission told newsmen today that during its talks with the officials of the union Government the delegation elicited information with regard to India's import liberalisation measures.

Mr. Owen said the mission was the follow-up of the recent visit of their Prime Minister, James Callaghan, to this country. The delegation was purely a selling mission and it felt encouraged to hear about the liberalisation on policy of the government.

Small industries promotion

New Delhi, Feb. 20 (UNI) - A comprehensive legislation to promote small industries is proposed to be introduced by the Government in parliament soon.

The Government has already finalised the aspects to be covered by the legislation on the basis of the recommendations made by various State Governments, various Ministries and departments of the Central Government and important non-official bodies.

It is proposed to give statutory support to the policy of reservation. Large and medium scale units would be prohibited from entering the fields reserved for the small-scale sector unless otherwise necessary in public interest.

Andhra cyclone man made

New Delhi, (UNI) - The massive cyclonic tidal wave in Andhra Pradesh in November 1977 might have been due to test of nuclear weapons, according to a radioactive survey of the areas affected by the wave.

The survey was conducted by Swadesh Kumar Trikha, lecturer in physics in the department of physics and astrophysics in the university of Delhi, with the help of a portable geiger muller counter.

India protests virginity tests

By Our Correspondent

New Delhi: India has protested to the British government against what it termed "deplorable incidence" at the Heathrow airport in which Indian women were subjected to virginity tests before allowing migration to that country.

The government has sought an assurance that Indian women entering Britain will not be subjected to such indignities.

The British High Commissioner here, Sir John Thomson, was called to the External Affairs Ministry and the protest note was handed over to him.

Manwhile reports from London said that Britain had ordered an inquiry into the incident and ordered immigration officers to desist from enforcing such tests on women seeking entry to the U.K.

According to reports reaching here from London the case involved an Indian school teacher who sought immigration to the U.K. was subjected to a gynaecological examination at the airport to determine her marital status. Several British M.Ps have described the procedure unearthed by a report in the Guardian as "monstrous."

A London barrister has said: "It's disgraceful that women should be examined this way. It is also against the English criminal law that anyone should be forced to give evidence against herself through a medical examination to show if she is lying."

A statement attributed to the fiance of the school teacher, a widower with four children, she was "made to strip naked without even a blanket or a sheet... She had to stand like that for 20 minutes before a doctor came. What difference does it make whether she was a virgin or not," he asked.

The Indian workers' Association reported knowledge of eight such cases of virginity tests since 1968. They also complained of immigration laws being misued to harass and humiliate not only immigrants but also visitors. On an average about 10 Indians are sent to the detention centre every day. Of these two are deported, often on flimsy grounds. In 1977, more than 650 Indians were deported. In the first 10 months of 1978, more than 700 were deported, they alleged.

They blamed the Indian High Commission here for not maintaining proper and vigilant liaison with the leading Indians in order to take timely action.

Bihar Lawlessness total

Patna, Feb. 17 (UNI) - There have been 21 political murders in Bihar in the past 15 months, according to Inspector-General of Police R. Lal.

Meanwhile, Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan has called for "drastic" measures to improve the law and order situation in Bihar.

He appealed to the leaders of all groups and parties in the state to forget their differences for "some time" and sit together to devise ways and means to improve the situation and restore confidence in the minds of the people".

"Something positive should be done to arrest the deterioration in the law and order situation," he said in a statement issued here.

Mr. Narayan referred to the "brutal murder" of two professors of Patna University a few days back in the state capital "where all the powerful politicians and men of authority live" and said reports coming from Dhanbad and Jharia industrial belts indicated that complete lawlessness prevailed there.

"Mutual rivalries among trade union leaders backed by ambitious politicians are said to be responsible for the scores of murders that have taken place there in recent months," he said.

PUNJAB BHAWAN INAUGURATED

New Delhi (IBS) - Punjab Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal inaugurated Monday, February 5 the Punjab Bhawan here. Constructed at a cost of Rs 7.6 million the Bhawan consists of 31 air-conditioned suites, a spacious centrally airconditioned lounge, and a reception hall.

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BHAI-BHAI

After India's 1962 border war with China that enabled the latter to gain prestige as a world power, Indo-Chinese relations were naturally very cool. In recent months, however, there are some signs of increased warmth in the relationship between the two countries. The recent trip to China by India's Foreign Minister A.B. Vajpayee is an indication of this new and welcome trend.

While it is good to be friendly with all countries to the extent possible "friendship" between nations is not on the same basis as friendship between individuals or families. The latter is influenced a lot more by emotions unlike the former in which cold and calculated reason is the sole basis for friendship. This is something that was forgotten in the fifties and sixties by the Indians including, of course, former Indian Prime Minister Nehru and his ministers like Krishna Menon.

It would indeed be well to remember that in foreign policy matters there are no permanent friends and permanent enemies, only permanent interests. The recent American foreign policy somersaults bear evidence to this.

Therefore, while it is good to be friendly with China and thereby try to promote better trade relations with that country, it is necessary to learn from what has happened in the past and what is going on now in Vietnam. Above all it is absolutely vital to maintain a modern and well equipped army which does not shy away from having its own nuclear arsenal. There is no denying the fact that a Third World War is not upon us so far, mainly due to the presence of nuclear weapons.

Capital drinks more

New Delhi (IBS) - The Capital will have more "dry" days next financial year from April 1 - a possible 168 from the present 150 but increasing the number of such days, cancelling bar licences of clubs since April 1, 1978 and other measures to make drinking more difficult are not likely to reduce the consumption of liquor according to statistics revealed here. In fact the consumption of liquor rose in Delhi since the first stage of prohibition was introduced on April 1, 1978.

In eight months between April and December the capital consumed 2,078,000 litres of hard liquor as against 1,808,000 litres in 1977-78.

The same was true of "country" liquor the sale of which reached 5,480,000 litres in eight months as against 4,749,000 litres in the previous 12 months. The popularity of beer was also on the rise which made Executive Councillor (Excise) Rajesh Sharma to moan that educating people about the evils of drink had not made much of an impression.

Announcing the Delhi Administration's revised excise policy, Sharma said that the last day of each month will also be "dry"; the Administration will take over the country liquor trade; and there will be two shops fewer selling what is termed as "India-made foreign liquor" and one less selling "country" liquor.

He said that the Administration will also persuade the people to switch over from hard liquor to weaker beer which will also be cheaper. He said that the Haryana Breweries was being asked to market the 3.5 per cent beer in Delhi as well. The brewery at present markets "Bul-Bul" - a "soft" beer in Haryana State only.

Drinking at home or at private parties may further increase following a clarification that an individual - not the household - can have four bottles of hard liquor and 12 bottles of beer, because the law referred to individuals and not households.

Asked what would happen if people took their own liquor to a private party, ex-ise officials said they would not be contravening the regulations.

Letters

Republic Day bungle in Toronto

Publications to the India-Canada Association of Toronto for attempting to celebrate the Republic Day of India on January 27th. Since there was hardly any professional organizers engaged, imperfection is anticipated. However, both the content as well as the presentation of the evening make up hang our head in shame. Consider the following facts:

1. There was no one person controlling the stage, inherently resulting in confusion.

2. Introduction of each speaker took somewhere between 15 - 20 minutes each who being politicians took this opportunity to score political yards. Moreover, the children could not be expected to sit quietly and listen to political speeches for hours.

3. The importance of the day was absolutely ignored.

4. Mr. Frank Drea's name was consistently mis-pronounced by the introducer as Dr-iy-a.

5. Mr. Cafik's introducer proved our political knowledge by remarking that the MP was elected from the Constituency of Ontario.

6. Mr. Sony, representing the High Commissioner of India, portrayed superb understanding of the country he is assigned to, by saying that the High Commissioner will join in the celebration next year in this beautiful City of Ontario.

7. The national day celebrations started with a regional recital. By Gosh! we used to remember the national anthem.

8. Nothing happens for about 5 minutes after the announcement to start the cultural program.

9. At the end of the first segment of the Kathakali dance the announcer introduced another performer. "No, sorry, there is more dancing".

And the list goes on.

I personally do not know any office-bearers of the India-Canada Association or the organizers of this program. But I certainly know that as an audience we deserve much better, and as a community we can do much much better. I sincerely hope that in future the serving of egos -- as an organizer or an introducer - will be relegated in the name of the community image.

G.S. Mundi, Toronto

Fundamental rights

New Delhi, Feb. 25 (UNI) - The question before the country is how to reconcile the two GNPS, Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer observed in the Supreme Court.

Making this observation during the hearing of the petitions assailing the Maharashtra Land Ceiling Act, the judge said that with 40 per cent of the population living on the streets, the solution to the country's ills lay in reconciling the Gross National Product with the "Growing National Poverty."

Justice Krishna Iyer made this remark when A.K. Sen, counsel for some parties of Haryana, sought to plead that the right to property was the question of giving property to those that did not have it, but not deprive those who had it, to fulfil their bare minimum needs.

Mr. Sen said Article 31 B was "fraudulent statutory power" because it tried to do indirectly what could not be done directly. Because the basic features of the constitution could not be amended directly this was sought to be done by putting the concerned laws in the ninth schedule, and make them beyond challenge.

Article 31 B must be read to mean inclusion in the ninth schedule of only those laws which did not offend or affect the basic structure. The basic features were subject to interpretation by the courts from time to time but certain features were inherently basic, Mr. Sen said.

Mr. Sen argued that Article 14 pervaded the entire fabric of the Constitution and was completely unfettered.

At this Justice Krishna Iyer observed that any government would find it impossible to comply with the "niceties" and the "sophisticated manifestation" of Article 14". Life is so unequal in many factors, he observed.

Mrs. Gandhi and the law

By Ram Santana

The charismatic leader of India's millions who once gave the country a catchy slogan "Banish Poverty" is being besieged by one legal problem after another.

The latest charge against Indira Gandhi relates to giving false information about her place of residence as Chikmagalur in Karnataka to enable her to vote in the recent by-election which she won handsomely. This may appear to be a technicality as Indira Gandhi would certainly have known her place of residence was over 1,500 miles away from the lush plantation town in the south. However, the Indian law clearly states that a person must have resided for at least a year in a ward before being put on the voter's list. It is surprising that Gandhi would have falsified her place of residence just to get on the voter's list. Her opponent, Veerendra Patil, had been branding her as an outsider, parachuted into the riding by her psychophant Devaraj Urs, the Chief Minister of Karnataka, who owes his position entirely to Gandhi. Probably, to counter that line of argument Gandhi, the clever politician, gave an address with a local flavor.

It is doubtful Gandhi would have known such a small town as Chikmagalur existed before being parachuted into that hilly terrain. What comes as a surprise is the vigor with which the Desai administration has been pursuing the rule of law in India. In a country, where it is widely believed one can get away with murder if one has the right connections and the resources to bribe, the concept "no one is above the law", often becomes a meaningless cliche. From the petty bureaucrat to the rich landowner, from the merchant who adds little pebbles to rice and mixes barium sulphate with butter, to well-placed individuals, the prevailing wisdom is the law exists for others who are less fortunate than themselves.

Viewed in this socio-legal context, many, not used to the equal application of the law one's position notwithstanding - appear to believe Gandhi is being hounded by the Desai administration. Granting some political considerations to the Desai government, the basic fact remains as one of finding out whether or not Gandhi is guilty of violating the law.

Gandhi will doubtless have access to the best legal minds in the country. She is no stranger to courts either. In fact, Gandhi went to the ludicrous extent of passing legislation during her "emergency" rule, which said the election of a prime minister, president and speaker of the Lok Sabha, cannot be challenged in courts. In an attempt to place herself above the law, Gandhi rewrote the law books and introduced a curious twist by legislating with retroactive effect which became a joke in democratic circles.

Gandhi, with all her qualities of leadership and diplomatic skills that eliminated the Pakistani military threat forever, seems to possess scant respect for the law which ultimately led to her downfall. A clever politician like Gandhi, who ruled the country by sloganism, has not yet learned that every adult is responsible for his or her actions under the due process of law.

No division of J and K

New Delhi, Feb. 25 (UNI) - Home Minister H.M. Patel has emphatically ruled out any division of Jammu and Kashmir on communal lines and said that "no one could entertain such thoughts".

Mr. Patel made the position undoubtably clear at the consultative Committee of the Home Ministry here following by the Union Government in view of loose talks in some quarters of division of Kashmir.

The Home Minister expressed his concern about the outbreak of violence in Jammu during the last few days and said the immediate task was to restore peace and normalcy though other grievances would also have to be looked into.

Other points made by the Home Minister were:

-- There was no general deterioration of law and order in the country as compared to the past. But in some areas, it was not satisfactory.

-- For implementing the civil rights act, special cells were being set up in the states directly under the Chief Minister or the Chief Secretary to deal with the problem of atrocities on Harijans. Such cells would also be set up at the district levels. As in the case of scheduled tribes, a special component plant would be identified in each sector of development which could bring about the economic betterment of scheduled castes. The scope of such component plants would extend to (a) landless labour, (b) leather workers (c) educated unemployed, and (d) wage earners like rickshaw pullers and cart drivers.

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A substantial increase is also noticed in the case of Birlas whose total assets were Rs. 5894.20 million in 1972 but by 1976, rose to Rs. 9746.30 million.

The assets of almost all the top 22 houses have similarly shot up alongside their aggregate turnover and profits before tax.

Though these figures have been released in the past, the publication of the relative sheets of all the 1,006 undertakings between 1972 and 1976, covered by the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Act today assumes some political significance.

The timing seems to be connected with the first meeting which a high-powered committee of the Janata Party is to hold later this week to examine how the holdings of big houses on industries could be effectively "controlled and reduced."

This committee is headed by Mr. Asoka Mehta and among its members is Industry Minister George Fernandes who has been advocating the take-over of some key industries to reduce the concentration of economic power.

The following table shows the assets of the first 10 houses in 1972 and 1976.

Name of the Industrial House	1972 Assets	1976 Assets
Tata	6419.30	9807. 70
Birla	5894.20	9746.30
Mafatlal	1837.40	2565.40
J.K. Singhania	1214.50	2412.30
Oil India	1040.40	2025.90
Thapar	1361.60	2022.40
[C]	1352.10	1989.90
Bangur	1252.60	1953.30
Scindia	1077.30	1770.80
Shri Ram	1207.70	1717.00

Tribal institutions disappearing

Itanagar, Feb. 17 (UNI) - The advance of modern civilisation in the remote regions of Arunachal Pradesh is driving age-old tribal institutions into oblivion.

Two such institutions now breaking down are Rasheng and Dere, dormitories for maids and bachelors. These have through the centuries regulated the sex life of the Minjong tribe inhabiting Tuting a subdivision along the McMahon line.

A UNI correspondent who visited to the subdivision found that the Rasheng has already vanished from many a village. Deres continue but are being gradually transformed into community centres. Many Dere buildings are in disrepair.

Apart from being the meeting place of adult boys and girls, The Rashengs lend gaiety to the secluded and stagnant life of the Minjongs.

Village maids repair nightly to the Rashengs to meet their lovers from Deres and while some hours away singing, dancing or weaving. Each Rasheng is under an experienced girl who enforces discipline.

Every new entrant is put through her paces over a period when she is assigned jobs like collecting firewood and lighting the fire.

A girl is free to entertain any boy of her choice. In the premissive air of a Rasheng, fidelity is no virtue and fickleness no vice, although constancy in the devotion to a lover is not rare.

Though the Rashengs are open only to unmarried girls, sometimes married men and women sneak in hankering after excitement. Such forays often lead to unpleasant scenes, for infidelity by a husband or a wife runs counter to tribal ethics.

Cases of pre-marital pregnancy are rare, girls sometimes taking recourse to contraceptive roots and herbs, though elders frown on such practices.

No stigma attaches to a girl getting pregnant before marriage. The lover is expected to marry her if he is not from the same clan or pay a fine or face excommunication. The fine is in the form of a mithun or pigs and rice.

If a marriage does not take place, the child born out of such a union takes the surname of its father or mother according to its sex. It, however, remains with the mother.

Partners change if they do not find satisfaction and the experiment goes on till an adjustment is reached. A girl is not expected to refuse a boy merely on the ground of dislike.

If the partners are satisfied with each other they formalise their relationship through marriage after negotiations between the parents.

Normally there is only one Dere in a village. The number of Rashengs vary according to the number of clans in the village. The Deres are built long and barrack-like. In contrast, the Rashengs are small square huts with a single fire place in the middle and single entrance.

Prenatal mortality high

Calcutta, Feb. 17 (UNI) - Prenatal mortality is high in India and premature delivery and baby are directly responsible for 35 to 40 per cent of deaths, according to the first ever nation wide survey on prenatal mortality.

The survey was conducted by the Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI).

The survey, which also aimed at evolving improved methods of management of pregnant women and new born babies revealed that though longevity had risen to 55 years in the last two and a half decades in the country, "the reduction of prenatal mortality is painfully slow."

Making best of a bad bargain

Dewan Govindrani

A conspicuously low profile adopted both by New Delhi and Peking with regard to Mr. Vajpayee's visit to China has intrigued many an astute observer. Neither Peking nor New Delhi appear to lay much store on the results of the parleys. While Mr. Vajpayee has described the nature of his visit merely as "a probing mission", the Chinese, if one goes by the attitude of their mass media, seem to have completely forgotten about their Indian guest.

This may be presumably due to Peking's preoccupation with Kampuchea and Vietnam on the one hand and Vice-Premier Teng's visit to America on the other. Compared to Vietnam and America - not to speak of the Soviet Union - the relationship with India obviously occupies a much lower priority in Peking's list of diplomatic shopping. In any case relations with India are in such a stalemate that the Chinese neither fear the consequence of confrontation nor expect bonanza from an alliance. Moreover, Chinese commitments to some of India's neighbours particularly Pakistan are too deep-rooted to be disturbed for the sake of buying India's favour.

Peking has made it known before hand that New Delhi can scarcely expect any change in its policy towards Pakistan. During his visit to Pakistan, Chinese Vice-Premier Mr. Li had purposely reiterated his country's support to the so-called right to self-determination for the people of Kashmir. This was meant to convey to India that Sino-Pak relations as well as Chinese attitude towards Kashmir should be kept out of the Peking parleys between the visiting Indian Foreign Minister and his Chinese hosts.

Equally clear has been the Chinese attitude with regard to Sikkim and its general approach towards countries like Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan. Besides annoyance over Nepal and Bangladesh, Indian Government has taken a very severe note of the Chinese involvement in the demand being made by a section of the Bhutanese ruling establishment that the Indo-Bhutanese Treaty of 1950 should be revised to the point that it may no longer be obligatory for Bhutan to accept India's advice on foreign affairs.

Chinese attitude towards dissident movements in the north-east has also added a new dimension of irritation to the Sino-Indian relations. During the last one year India is known to have sent at least three official communications to China protesting against the support Peking has been extending to the hostile elements in Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipur. The Chinese attitude has been extremely ambiguous over the issue. Apparently, the Chinese maintain that their commitments to the "freedom movements in countries dominated by feudal-capitalist-imperialist elements" should be treated independent of state to state relations. The Chinese for example stress the point that they would like to improve relations even with states like Malaysia and Burma, although they cannot give any guarantee of not supporting communist insurgents in these countries.

Going by that thesis, the Chinese seem to have stepped up their aid to hostiles in North-eastern areas as well. Quite a few eyebrows have been raised lately in New Delhi over the latest reports that a Communist Party of Nagaland has been set up with the Chinese aid. Both the CPI and the CPI(M) have denounced the Nagaland Communist group as splitters and disrupters of the communist movement. The very nomenclature of the Nagaland Communist Party indicates that the group treats Nagaland as a separate country. The manifesto of the so-called Party has specifically promised a friendly alliance with socialist states led by People's Republic of China and has denounced "Indian national chauvinists which are trying to perpetuate their colonial rule on Nagaland with the help of socialist imperialism".

Although the exact quantum of the Chinese aid to Nagaland Communist Party is yet to be determined, New Delhi feels disturbed over the fact that Chinese Communist Party mass media have been publicising the birth of this group in Nagaland. Mr. Vajpayee during his visit to Peking is likely to discuss in detail Chinese attitude towards the North-eastern Indian States.

Chinese attitude on all such matters of concern to India had been well known for quite some time. It had led Mr. Vajpayee to a tentative decision of altogether cancelling the proposed visit. By the end of December last year it had become known that both sides would quietly forget about the visit. However, pressures and persuasions from various quarters seem to have worked in reviving the idea of direct Sino-Indian talks.

It is in any case too late in the day to discuss advisability or otherwise of the visit. The best thing under the circumstances would be to get the best out of what appears to be obviously a bad bargain. This explains the low profile which Mr. Vajpayee has adopted over his proposed mission. Understandably, neither the Indian Government nor the pro-Establishment Press wants to build any hopes over Mr. Vajpayee's visit to Peking. Friendly pressmen have been asked to give the visit a low-key treatment so that no undue hopes are built over the outcome.

According to Indian assessment factors concerning Sino-India relations can be divided into four clear-cut categories. These are:

Border Problems.

Long-standing border problems which had resulted into the war in 1962, and the illegal Chinese occupation of over 4,000 sq. miles of Indian territory. This again can be sub-divided into three sectors, western, central and esatern. As regards the eastern sector, the Chinese may accept MacMahon Line, although under a new name and continue to maintain the status quo. In the central sector; also the idea of a water-shed may be accepted as providing a clear-cut boundary. About western sector, however, differences between India and China remain un-surmountable.

The Chinese, under no circumstances are willing to vacate Aksaichin area where they have built a net work of strategic roads; nor would they admit Indian claim of ownership, although Indian may be willing to grant them the right to use this area perpetually. A suggestion by Mr. Vajpayee sometime ago to a Hong Kong journal that India could lease out the disputed territory to China, was rejected offhand by Peking. No solution to this problem appears in sight. Most probably the two sides will try to side-track the issue to tackle it at a later date.

Chinese Attitude.

India feels that the basic problem besides the border question to be tackled between China and India is the attitude Peking adopts towards other countries of the subcontinent. India makes no secret of her displeasure over the ever-increasing Chinese commitments towards Pakistan. China is equally adament to continue that policy. It is, however, possible that the Chinese may try to impress upon Mr. Vajpayee that their support to Pakistan need not be construed as an anti-India act because the situation has changed in South-West Asia and with the emergence of a pro-Soviet regime in Afghanistan along with the turmoil in Iran it has become essential to help General Zia to make Pakistan "a citadel of anti-Soviet expansionism."

Hostile Elements.

New Delhi expects some positive response from Peking over its repeated plea that such interference in our internal affairs must be stopped forthwith. It is expected that the Chinese would at least provide a lip-service to the ideas of Panch-Sheel and would thus resist from direct interference in India's domestic affairs. Some hope-although rather feeble-has arisen that the Chinese would at least tacitly accept the legality of Sikkim's merger with India.

There is a school of thought in New Delhi which is of the opinion that one should not feel too disturbed over the stepped up Chinese aid to the Nagas. This may be a part of the policy of increasing pressure over India on such issues in a bid to force New Delhi to side-track the border question which China wants to ignore for the time being.

Bilateral Issues.

These problems concern prospects of increasing economic and commercial contacts, scientific and technological cooperation and possibilities of an easier flow of people like writers, journalists, scientists and students from one country to another.

There is a feeling that China may be interested in the import of certain middle level machinery and technology from India, but knowledgeable sources indicate that Chinese preference is essentially for ultra-modern machinery which it can only obtain from the West. A serious impediment to Sino-Indian relations in the Chinese export drive which Peking has undertaken lately to finance its massive imports from the West. Indian exports, especially in the sphere of textiles, light engineering goods and various consumer items like leather products are likely to be affected seriously. Indian exporters are already complaining of not being able to compete with the Chinese price due to the heavy subsidies being given to the Chinese exports in various areas, such as South-East Asia, West Asia and Africa.

Considering the essentially competitive nature of the economies India and China, possibilities of any meaningful economic cooperation between New Delhi and Peking are rated low by knowledgeable experts. Nevertheless, it is felt that if Mr. Vajpayee during his visit to Peking is even able to get Chinese to agree to some sort of a gentleman's agreement to desist from a cut-throat competition in the matter of exports, it should be considered a good enough gain.

HISTORY OF SINDHI HINDUS

BY SHYAM KHUBCHANDANI

[Continued from last issue]

Sindhi Hindus - Hindus whose ancestors lived in the Province of Sindh now in Pakistan - are a vibrant and proud people. Their natural gift of adaptability has helped them add to their heritage and excel through changing times and migrations. Now numbering over three million, about 90 per cent reside in India, Bombay being the biggest centre. Rest are scattered all over the world, specially in large commercial centres; Hong Kong having the biggest complement.

By and large a community of business people, Sindhis have also excelled as professionals, administrators, educators and spiritual seekers. Underlying all their achievements is a proud awareness of their distinctive culture inherited through generations.

The current four part series of articles briefly describes the history of Sindhi Hindus. The historical events reflect the ruling powers and the prevalent political, social and religious conditions. Accordingly, this history is related under four distinct periods - Hindu (prior to 711 A.D.), Muslim (711 to 1843), British 1843 to 1947) and Modern (since 1947).

(V MODERN PERIOD (Since 1947)

During late 1947 and early 1948, specially after the riots and looting in Karachi in January 1948 watched quietly by the Pakistani army, Hindus emptied Sindh by train, ship and air. They could carry only a few personal belongings, their jewellery and cash. Their ancestral homes and properties they left with heavy hearts to become refugees in independent India.

They headed for the city of Bombay, adjacent states of Rajasthan and Gujarat and Delhi. The old princely states of Indore and Gwalior welcomed some. Only a few ventured afar to Lucknow, Madras and Calcutta. Most of the refugees were housed in old army camps such as Kalyan near Bombay, Warsha near Baroda, Kirpri near Poona and Kitchner near Delhi. The richer and more educated, however, started out on their own in the best places they could find.

In the following few years after partition one could find Sindhi teenage boys selling snacks made at home by their sisters and mothers, in trains and way side stalls. Elders became hawkers selling clothes and other items. Not a single one begged, nor did any one starve or give up on life. True mettle of these people was clearly demonstrated in their worst time of hardship.

However, within just three years after they had left their homes in Sindh, they started building in new colonies such as Patel Nagar, Lajpat Nagar and Rajender Nagar in Ajmer and Jaipur. Bhai Pratap built the twin townships of Gandhidham - Adipur as part of the Kandla Port complex in Kutch. With charity, faith and determination to preserve their culture, they started several Sindhi schools in Bombay such as Saraam Prakash in Wadala, Kamla in Khar and Sindh Model School on Grant Road. Three new colleges Jai Hindh Kishinchand Chellaram and National financed by donations from Sindhworkies abroad and staffed by veteran Sindhi teachers reaffirmed this faith.

Within less than ten years, these so called refugees, later called displaced persons, were the elite in their new domicile. Their inherent entrepreneal skill, hard-work, zeal for education, zest for good life, and belief in themselves took them to achievements in every field. In retrospect, their leaving Sindh appeared almost a blessing in disguise. Increased mobility all over India expanded the frontiers for their achievement.

In Bombay, they dominated clothing, banking and real estate business. The Shikarpuris took their banking also to Banglore and Madras two major industrial centres. Gradually they themselves ventured into manufacturing and industry. Parsram Parumal and Parmanand Hindujas from Bombay, Ram Narain from Banglore and Nagpals (of Nagpal Woolen Mills) set up new enterprises.

In real estate, R.G. Advani, Tolanis, Rahejas and several others pioneered the building boom. Others made fortunes in diverse fields such as Nanik Motwani of Chicago Radio, Kirnat Khushalani of James Engineering, Hingoranis of Liberty Shirts, Belani in Engineering Consultancy, Sippys in films and hotels.

In Calcutta, Eidnasis in Photography, Masands in Gawlior, and Hira Publishers in Delhi made fortunes. Number of middle level businesses in clothing, contracting, drugs and jewellery who have done well forms a legion.

However, greater fortunes are probably made outside India by ex-Hyderabadi Bhailands in Hong Kong, Japan, West Africa and Middle East. Their number and scope has attained new heights. Harilal in Hong Kong owns hotels Holiday Inn and Gaylord, textiles and other interests. K.H. Choturmal in Lagos, Chimrai in Europe, Hiras in Japan besides export-import have extensive interests in manufacturing.

At least 500 Sindhi families are millionaires in dollar terms, or Crorepatis in rupees. Number of Lakhpaties prorated to the total population is probably higher for Sindhis than any other community in India.

How do these people spend their money? First and foremost on good living - best homes on Warden Road and Pedder Road in Bombay and jewellery and clothes for their women. Most also give abundantly to charities. One single person Lokumal contributed Rs. One Crore ($1.25 millions) to Jas Lok Hospital in Bombay. Shikarpuris fund the National Hospital which is also staffed by Shikarpuri doctors. It is the charitable donations of these business men which support the Sindhi schools and colleges in Bombay, Ajmer and Adipur. They also provide scholarships for poorer students.

The increasing affluence has also led to escalating dowries and lavish marriage celebrations. In some cases, dowry has come to be recognized as prestige or status symbol. However, with increasing education, more girls taking on professional careers and influence of life abroad, this outlandish social custom is probably on its decline.

The President, N. Sanjiva Reddy administering oath of office to Rabi Ray. Mr. Ray has taken over as the Health Minister, the post which was vacant ever since the resignation of Raj Narayan at the request of the Prime Minister.

Sindhis have excelled not only in business but also in service both public and private. It was a proud time for Sindhis when in early 1960s, three of them held the top most jobs in Bombay - Chainani as Chief Justice of the High Court, Advani as Vice-Chancellor and Valecha as Acting-Governor, Hira was General Manager of Western Railways. Several others have risen to top positions - Gidwani Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank and later Chief Secretary in Gujarat, Mathrani as Union Secretary, Madan as Chairman of Oil and Natural Gas Commission. More than 200 have entered the prestigious Indian Foreign, Administrative and Police Services. Many have graduated from National Defence Academies in Edhra Dun and Khadakvasla. Brigadier Pahilajani commanded Indian troups in Kutch during the war with Pakistan there in 1962. Sabhani is presently Air Vice-Marshal. Number of professionals, including engineers, doctors, lawyers and educationists runs into thousands.

It is these educationists - teachers in our schools and colleges, like Ram Panjwani, Ajwani, Govind Malhi - who have nurtured and kept alive our language and culture. They fought to have Sindhi recognized by the constitution as one of the Indian languages. They have added immeasurably to Sindhi folklore like Dohiras, Bhagats and Kalam. They have seen to it that our future generations will not forget our past.

Other important pillar supporting our heritage is the Sindhi daily "Hindustan" published from Bombay by Thakurdas Agnani. A giant among men, both physically and intellectually, Agnani through his daily and publishing house "Hindustan Kitab Ghar" has kept the far flung community well-knit through news, literature and culture.

Sindhis as financiers-producers have provided considerable impetus to production of Indian movies. Besides, many Sindhis have achieved prominence in acting such as Gope, Bhudo Advani, Sadhna Shivdasani, Kumud Chugani, Babita, Asrani and others. Among music directors, names of Khemchand Prakash and C. Arjan are well known. Sippy and Lulla are prominent film directors.

Sindhi cultural life would not be complete without our continuing spiritual heritage. Dada Vaswani and now Dada Jashan keep this heritage alive from Poona with their work and publications like "Shyam", "Mira" and "East-West series". Several old Sindhi Durbars have been transplanted such as Khat-Ji-Durbar and Sadhbelo in Bombay, Halani-Ji-Durbar in Ajmer, Nimano Saein in Baroda. These are integral part of life especially for women.

In late sixties, there has been considerable outflow of Sindhi professionals to North America. There have been also several small businesses which have flourished both in North America and in the Caribbean Islands.

The multi-dimensional vigour of Sindhi Hindus is as alive as ever. They have a proud past and the future the next generation will inherit will no doubt be brighter.

MALHOTRA: UNANIMOUS CHOICE

New Delhi (IBS) - The general council of the Indian Olympic Association has unanimously approved the nomination of Vijya Kumar Malhotra, President of the Delhi Olympic Association, as president of the organising committee for the 1982 Asian Games to be played in Delhi.

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Rakhee, after staging her comeback in **Tapasya**, has proved herself an excellent emotional actress. Emotional turmoil in her own personal life gets reflected in her screen portrayals. Sanjeev Kumar needs no superlatives. In emotional roles he is always at his best.

For her first role Radhika is just tolerable. By looking a pale version of Ranjeeta, she is doing injustice to her career. Amjad Khan's presence as the status-conscious father is only customary.

Umesh has directed the film with professional polish. R.D. Burman's compositions are tunefully hummable, but one wishes the background scoring was less noisy.

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in Democratic World

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How Donation Came About

His son Joseph, president of York Steel, has for some years devoted himself to collecting 19th century French paintings. This year, his collection, now one of the finest in the world, was put on display in the National Gallery. Max was impressed by his son's standing in the art world and impressed also by the number of people who went through the exhibition and obviously enjoyed it.

During the exhibition and the negotiations that led to it, Hsio-Yen Shih, director of the National Gallery, talked to Joseph Tanenbaum about a collection she wanted very much to have in the gallery. Her specialty being South Asian art, she knew the Heeramaneck collection well. She knew also that it would be the last major collection to come on the market, because of the more stringent regulations that now apply all over the world to the export of national treasures. She knew, too, that though California collector Norton Simon was interested in acquiring it, the Los Angeles County Museum, which already has part of the Heeramaneck collection, did not want a rival collection in the museum's bailiwick.

The total value of the residual collection available was about $11.5 million. When Joseph Tanenbaum asked his father whether he would buy it, thus making a gift significant to the art collections of the nation without having had to do the collecting himself, he reacted positively.

After several months of negotiations with Canada Customs and after much negotiation with the Department of National Revenue two evaluators had to be brought in from the United States - the deal was finally consummated within the past few weeks. Hsio-Yen Shih:

"Canada has a great many people of Asiatic origin in its ethnic makeup, and it is right that we should have as strong a representation of their tradition as it is possible to get. This collection is exactly that.

Pay Back to Canada

Says Max Tanenbaum:

"This country gave my father, myself and my children opportunities far beyond what we could ever have expected when he landed as an immigrant here at the beginning of this century. It is only right that we should pay back to Canada something of what it has so richly given to me and my family.

"To be able to buy and donate this collection to the National Gallery is an opportunity I could not ignore. I am proud to be associated with it, and know that my son's collection of 19th-century French paintings will be following it into the National Gallery in due time."

Incidentally, if anyone wishes to match the generosity of Max and Joseph Tanenbaum next Christmas, the National Gallery has an option on a magnificent Rembrandt, **An Old Woman with Clasped Hands**, signed and dated, and available for $2.5 million.

[Financial Post]

The Indian Cricket team which played six test match series with West Indies in India with Prime Minister Morarji Desai. India won the test in Madras.

Sunil Gavaskar [standing second from left] scored four centuries in the current series and was the same as the third batsman to have done so twice.

Cricket team to visit U.K.

Kanpur (IBS) - Skipper Sunil Gavaskar and Chairman of the Selection Committee Polly Umrigar, expressed happiness at India winning the 1978-79 Test series against the West Indies and said they were looking forward to a good performance by the team this summer when India is scheduled to tour England where they will play four Test matches.

Gavaskar told newsmen at the end of the sixth and final Test against the West Indies here that if the summer "is good, we shall do well in England.

About the series against the West Indies, he said the visitors gave India a tough time in the first two Tests, but later "we came into our own and were on top." The basic difference between the two teams, he felt, was the greater application of the Indian players, particularly batsmen.

Gavaskar said he was also glad that, with the emergence of Kapil Dev of Haryana and Karsan Ghavri of Bombay, medium pace bowlers in the Indian team have come to stay. Describing Kapil Dev as the man of the series, Gavaskar said: "Kapil is the best thing that has happened to Indian cricket. He is the heart-throb of everybody."

He said it won't be surprising if Kapil was sent higher up in the batting order since he possessed the right technique and was a good striker. "But the visit to England will be the real test of Kapil's batting."

About the Indian spin attack, Gavaskar said it was not as striking a force as it used to be because age was a factor going against them. About batting, he said an Indian captain has never had it so good because he could declare twice in consecutive tests after piling up huge totals.

Gavaskar said that the absence of a left-arm spinner in the team had really been felt and he personally would also prefer one more "quickie" in the team.

Umrigar said: "I am sure this success will be a morale booster to our side after a setback in the recent tour of Pakistan."

India won the series against the West Indies by virtue of their narrow victory in the fourth Test at Madras; the other five were drawn).

Vizzy trophy

Calcutta (IBS) - North Zone added another feather to their cap when they lifted the Vizzy Trophy for the Zonal University Cricket Tournament at the Eden Gardens here. They beat South Zone (holders) on first innings, the scores being North Zone 482 for five declared and South Zone 204 and 392 for seven wickets.

North Zone had won this trophy four times in a row but were defeated by South Zone in last year's final at Hyderabad.

Earlier, North Zone had won the Cooch-Bihar Trophy for schoolboys, C.K. Nayudu Trophy for under 22.

Poet's corner

A THOUGHT

By Nirmala B. Singh

How do you expect me to say
That everything around me is okay
When every minute of the day
You are just a thought away?

Oh my gentle light
The thought of you is so bright,
That I cannot spend the night
Until I know you're alright.

What more do I have to do
As proof to you
That my love is true
And I'd always be close to you?

I am not blind to see
That you're the only one for me
And no matter where you'll be
You would still be the closest one to me.

THE WORLD IS ONE

By Nirmala B. Singh

The summer has sailed past us again
And the tall trees are beginning to look thin:
The golden garden leaves sway in the wind
Like some of our dreams in air so thin.
A sadness long lingers, like the departure
Of another day, friend or lover
And we all age away together
A sister and a brother
The days are 'small', but the minutes 'large'
Our gaps are long and old
With folding wrinkles closing a misunderstanding,
Ceasing a love, or crashing a huge --
Avoiding the truth by even saying,
"We're a family tree with one root."

ASHOK KUMAR - NEW HOC KEY CAPTAIN

Madras (IBS) - India's wily forward Ashok Kumar will lead the Indian team for Esanda International Hockey Tournament to be played at Perth, Australia from April 20. Veteran full-

Surjit Singh will be his deputy.

Former Indian Captain Leslie Claudius will accompany the team as manager while Dharan Singh will be its coach.

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Inaugurating a four-day All India Museum Conference at the National Museum of Natural History here, Mr. Chandra said the UGC was planning to strengthen Museum education in universities.

A common syllabi for training of Museum personnel was being worked out by the UGC in collaboration with the Education Ministry, he said. He said funds had been granted to 35 universities to strengthen their Museum faculties.

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INDRAIL TICKETS FETCH $1 M

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He said that in November 1978 alone, 1,922 persons had availed of these concessional tickets available to foreign tourists and foreign-based Indians on payment in foreign exchange. The railways earned $83,318 during the month.

More money for women's welfare

New Delhi, Feb. 27 (UNI)- The centre has asked states to earmark a reasonable percentage of Plan allocation for programmes relating to women.

The state governments have also been requested to ensure that women get an adequate share of benefits flowering from all developmental efforts.

In a letter to state chief ministers, the UNION Education and Social Welfare Minister, P.C. Chunder, has suggested study of the impact of all programmes or projects at the formulation stage to see that women are not adversely affected.

Similarly targets might be given to implementing agencies to ensure that women received an adequate share of the intended benefits of such programmes, he said.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE NEXT YEAR

New Delhi, (IBS) - The first total eclipse of the Sun visible from India since 1898 will occur on February 16 next year, according to Prof. S.K. Trehan of the Punjab University, Chairman of the Total Eclipse Study Committee specially set up by the Indian National Science Academy.

LOTTARIO

On Saturday, Feb. 17 Ana Guerrero and Audrey Donohue of Elliot Lake, won the LOTTARIO JACKPOT by selecting numbers 1, 11, 14, 16, 29 and 31.

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Ana Guerrero and Audrey Donohue Elliot Lake

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And there are bound to be thousands of winners every week, because the numbers you choose don't have to be in the same order as those drawn.

YOU DON'T JUST BUY A TICKET. YOU PLAY IT.

Inventors receive awards

New Delhi, Feb. 17 (UNI) - Eight inventors have been given the National Research Development Corporation of India Republic Day awards totalling Rs. 17,000 for meritorious inventions.

Two awards of Rs. 5000 each have been given to Satyendra Narain Mathur, Superintending Surveyor, Directorate of Survey (All India Radio) New Delhi, for Development of a simple attachment for taking stereo photos with an ordinary camera and to Ramesh Chandra Agrawal, Deputy Manager (R and D) of Instrumentation Limited, Kota, for development of a miniature linear DC motor for use in process control instruments.

Financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 has been sanctioned to Nirmal N Sehgal of New Delhi for developing a multi-fluid device for Central Mining Research Station, Dhanbad.

Mr. Shankerbhai Pujiram Patel and Mr. A. Rajagopalan of Ahmedabad Textile Industry's Research Association, have been jointly awarded Rs. 2000 for the development of a fibre bundle strength tester.

Mr. G. Natarajan of Trivandrum has been given an award of Rs. 2000 for the development of a mechanical coal feeder for hoffmann kiln in the industry.

Governor resigns

New Delhi (IBS) - The President accepted the resignation of Governor of Bihar Jaganath Kaushal, a former Advocate-General of Haryana who was one of Mrs. Indira Gandhi's counsel during her election appeal before the Supreme Court in 1975. He had been appointed Governor of Bihar soon after the Supreme Court upheld the former Prime Minister's appeal.

Chief Justice of the Patna High Court Krishna Ballabh Narayan will be acting Governor in place of Kaushal who is reported to have resigned for "personal" reasons.

Press spreads racism

At an in-service course on multiculturalism and racism a group of Toronto teachers charged that the press inadvertently contributes to racial tension.

Max Brem, a professor of journalism at Ryerson, helped the group study the coverage by the Toronto dailies of issues related to education and immigration. The group says that in attempting to get a story "at all costs", meet daily deadlines, and attract readers in a highly competitive and lucrative business, the papers sensationalise and distort the significance of events.

Teachers, also, recognized that a story with positive content may be headlined provocatively to incite fear and anxiety. For example, last year an article in the Toronto Star on the new immigration act was titled "Flood of Illegal Immigrants Feared". The body of the story presented no hard facts to support the inflammatory headline. Participants felt that, while it is the job of the press to report on rather than to solve problems, sensationalism in these sensitive areas is irresponsible.

FOREIGN TRAVEL TAX MAY GO

New Delhi (IBS) - The Indian Government is considering measures to check malpractices by international airlines and may do away with the 12.5 per cent tax on the value of the ticket paid for in Indian rupees. Instead, embarkation charge may be raised from Rs. 20 to Rs. 65.

Dances for child's year

By Thomas Paushal

Montreal: A large number of children entered the specially arranged room, some with their parents and others with their friends. Many adults watched them move around.

The specially decorated room was at Place Bonaventure, a crowded shopping area in Montreal.

The children were waiting for Sangeetha Chandra who performed Indian dance as part of the official launching of the International Year of the Child '79 for UNICEF Quebec.

Some children giggled while others watched Sangeetha's dance with great interest.

There were other talented youngsters who performed for the lunchtime crowd at Place Bonaventure.

The show was sponsored by the Montreal Committee of the International Year of the Child.

Sangeetha Chandra, 9, performed the dance which she learned from her mother. She said that dedicating the year to children was a good idea "because there are some people who hit their children."

Sangeetha's peers enjoyed her dance. Recently, many Indian parents seem to give much encouragement to their children to learn Indian languages and dance forms using the available facilities in their communities.

French work ethics

Prof. Harish Jain of McMaster University, says francophones may need training in the Protestant work ethic if they are to be promoted up the management ladder.

His study of 1,700 French and English workers in an Ottawa hospital found francophones tended to leave work pressures behind at the end of the day and were more concerned than anglophones with pay, benefits and other working conditions.

Francophones generally are less career-minded than anglophones and the value of work for its own sake seems to be a typically-anglophone phenomenon, Jain said in an interview.

NO HIKE IN INDIAN AIRLINE'S FARES

New Delhi (IBS) - Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation Purshottam Kaushik has informed Parliament's Consultative Committee attached to his Ministry that there was no proposal at present to increase air fares which have been operative since 1974.

AS A CONSUMER IN ONTARIO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A COMPLAINT

To avoid problems, know the rules before you close the deal.

Most consumer complaints can be remedied easily if the buyer and seller recognize each other's rights and responsibilities and use common sense.

HOW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT

Once you have decided that you have a legitimate complaint, here's how to go about making it:

- Explain your problem clearly and calmly to the sales clerk. If the sales clerk is unable to help you, see the manager.
- Still no satisfaction? Send a registered letter to the person in charge. Include in the letter your name, address and telephone number; the name and type of product purchased, date of purchase and price paid; an outline of your problem and your attempts to solve it; copies of receipts, work orders and any other documentation; and what you want the company to do about your problem.
- Negotiate. You may persuade the merchant to exchange your purchase or make alternate arrangements.
- The Business Practices Act protects you against false, misleading or deceptive representations. To cancel a contract, send a registered letter which states: "I exercise my right of rescission under Section 4 of the Business Practices Act." Include your reasons for making the request.
- Visit the nearest Consumer Services Bureau and the Better Business Bureau for help in preparing letters of complaint or cancellation. If you are unable to resolve the problem, the staff will mediate on your behalf.

WHAT TO DO BEFORE YOU BUY

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KITCHEN

By Pranati SenGu

Paratha

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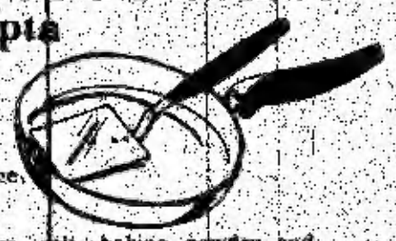

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2 tsp. baking powder
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1½ cups lukewarm water
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In a deep bowl, combine the flour, salt, baking powder and shortening. With fingertips rub the flour and the fat together until they look like flakes of coarse meal. Make a well in the center, pour 1 3/4 cup of the water into it; and with fingers or a large spoon blend the water into the flour mixture. Stirring vigorously after each addition, pour in up to ½ cup more of the water to form a dough that can be gathered into a firm, compact ball. Knead the dough by folding it end to end, then pressing it down and pushing forward several times with the heel of hand. Repeat for about 8 to 10 times, or until the dough becomes smooth and elastic. Again gather it into a ball, place it in a bowl, and drape a dampened kitchen towel over the top. Let the dough rest for at least 30 minutes. Divide the dough into 14 to 20 portions and drape a dampened towel over them to keep the dough moist. Roll each ball on a lightly greased surface, into a round about 5 inches in diameter. Heat an ungreased 10 to 12 inch skillet with a nonstick finish or a well-seasoned cast-iron skillet or griddle. Place one of the parathas in the pan and, moving it about constantly with fingers or the edge of a spatula, cook for a minute or so. With a spatula, turn the paratha over and brush about a teaspoon of the shortening on top. Cook for 2 minutes, then turn it over, spread with another teaspoon of shortening and cook until the paratha is brown on both sides but not too crisp. Transfer the paratha to a deep bowl and cover with a piece of foil, and bake the rest in a similar fashion. Keep covered to keep them soft and warm.

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1½ cup fresh grated coconut
2 to 3 fresh green chilies, chopped
½ cup chopped coriander leaves
1 tsp. cumin seeds
1 clove of garlic
2 tbsp. chopped onion
½ cup plain yogurt
2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice, salt to taste
Paprika

Put the lemon juice, yogurt, into the blender and add all the ingredients except coconut, paprika and salt. Blend at high speed until everything is liquified to a fine paste. Put the blender on a slow speed and spoon in the coconut gradually until all of it is used up. Do not add water. If the mixture gets too thick add little more lemon juice. Blend the mixture to a smooth paste. Remove the chutney and pour into a bowl. Add some salt (about 1 tsp. or to taste) and mixx well. Sprinkle some paprika on top. Cover with a plastic wrap and chill before serving.

(Watch for the recipe for Mutton Rolls in the next issue).

Virginity tests in U.K.missio

New Delhi (IBS) - Although the dust has still to settle down on the sharp reactions evoked by the harrowing tale of how Indian women, entering Britain to marry a widower, subjected to examination to determine whether or not she was a virgin, a book "Finding a Voice - Asian Women in Britain," has revealed that not only at Heathrow airport but even at the British High Commission offices in India such examination of Indian women immigrants is common enough.

A large number of Indian women immigrants have told the author Amrita Wilson, a writer of Indian origin settled in Britain - that "sexual examination is a routine part of the entry-certificate procedure at British diplomatic mission in the Indian sub-continent."

The book lists several cases where women from India and Pakistan were subjected to the same humiliating experience on numerous pretexts, including determining the age of the would-be-immigrants.

The book cites the case of a 16-year old girl who entered Britain in March 1977 to get married. Her parents had sent her dressed up in her bridal clothes and jewellery. She was held up at the London airport questioned again and again and then subjected to an international examination by two men - one white and one Asian. At the end of the examination, which turned out to be a [illegible] including hu[illegible]ing remarks she was not back by the

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Air hostesses can arry

New Delhi (IBS) - Vera Sidhwa, 26-year old hostess of Air India, married Tuesday, February 6, and still retained her job following an interim judgement by the Bombay High Court asking Air India not to dismiss girls who married.

Indian hostesses are agitated that while foreign girls working for Air India can marry and still keep their jobs, Indians cannot. "We are outcasts in our own country," says one irate air hostess.

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Indo-Pak relations imp ing

New Delhi, Feb. 23 (UNI) - India and Pakistan bilateral relations are becoming more cooperative and there has been a "very substantial growth of mutual confidence between the two countries "during the last two years the Pakistan Ambassaddor Abdul Sattar, said here.

Speaking at a Press club luncheon meeting, Mr. Sattar said this process had been further accentuated [illegible] visits by th[illegible] Minister, A.[illegible] Pakistan For[illegible] Agen[illegible] Sh[illegible]

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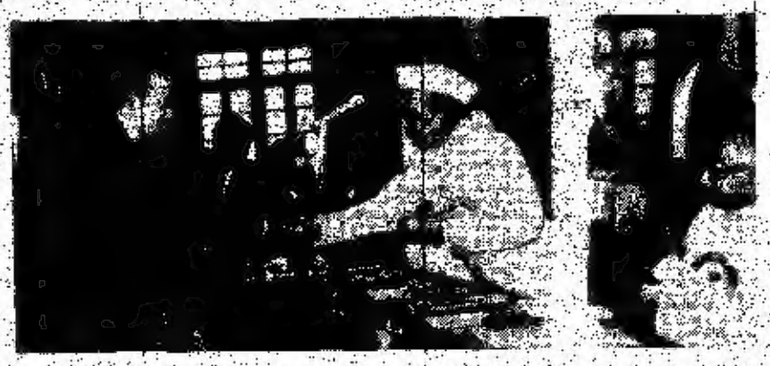

A. Choudhury has been awarded Corps Of Engineers award for his project paper 'Pipeline for Transportation of Solids - A Reality'.

This is being implemented at Kudramukh iron ore project, India.

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DEATHS

MALAYALAM FILM DIRECTOR

Trichur (IBS) - Noted Malayalam film director Ramu Kariat died here Saturday, February 10 of a heart attack. He was 51. He put the Malayalam cinema on the map of India with "Chemmeen", which he directed. It was the first Malayalam film to win the President's gold medal.

Kariat directed nearly 28 pictures including Dweep (Island) a story about the people of Lakshdweap. At the time of his death he was directing a Telegu film against the background of the lives of tribals in the Srikakulam area.

In an interview to a weekly three days before his death, Kariat had reiterated that he was for sex and kissing in films since they formed part of life. He also stressed the pivotal role of the director who alone could "transform a bad story into a good movie and make a bad film from a good story."

WEST BENGAL RSS CHIEF

Calcutta (IBS) - President of the West Bengal Committee of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh, Keshab Chandra Chakraborty died here Sunday, February 4. He was 66.

Chakraborty was principal of the Howrah Girl's College and connected with a number of educational and social institutions.

BENGALI WRITER

Calcutta (IBS) - Noted Bengali writer Balai Chand Mukhopadhya, popularly known as "Banoful," died here Friday, February 9. He was 80. Author of about 100 books, "Banoful," a medical practitioner, started his literary career from his school days in Bihar, but it started blossoming from 1932. A satirist, he was proficient in all branches of literature - short stories, novels, drama and poetry. His book, "Arohi" was considered the best film story of 1975.

EMINENT DANCER

Baroda (IBS) - Mrs. Anjali Mehr, head of the department of dance and dramatics of the Baroda Music College and an eminent Bharatnatyam dancer, died here following a heart attack. She was 50.

BISHOP SHORES

Madras (IBS) - Rev. C.D.T. Shores, Bishop Commissary of India for the Libetal Catholic Church, died here Friday, February 9. He was 91.

EEC and India

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Before flying back to Brussels Faure said India had already attained a high level of development in the field of industry and can be called a developed country. But it is a developing nation judging by the low level of per capita income.

He said that the products of labour-intensive industries in India could become competitive in European markets. EEC could help India in fields where sophisticated technology is involved.

Eunuch head crowned

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Wearing dazzling gold and diamond ornaments, the eunuchs went merrily, singing and dancing, headed by a 21-piece band.

Entertaining the whole city, the procession went to the potters colony near Digamber Jain temple where they worshipped the potter wheel, veiled by a human wall of eunuchs.

More celebrations of rites in connection with the successor ceremony will take place in the coming fortnight.

Body for poor

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The corporation, according to the paper, will identify the needs of the poor, help make schemes, organise access to resources, act as an intermediary on their behalf with input supply agencies and speak for them in Panchayati Raj forums.

UP BAN ON RSS DHILI

Lucknow, Feb. 25 (UNI) - Uttar Pradesh Cabinet at an emergency meeting decided to ban Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh rallies in public places, Government buildings and educational institutions with immediate effect.

Vajpayees's Warnin

Bombay, Feb. 17 (UNI) - External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has warned the United States that it will be committing a "folly" if it decided to rearm Pakistan in the wake of developments in Iran.

"Now they (the US) would know that arms c[illegible] bring abou[illegible] political stabi[illegible]y inside the coun[illegible]try or economic development," Mr. Vajpayee said in an interview to an English weekly here. He hoped no [illegible]mpt would be made to [illegible] India with Pakistan. Ev[illegible] country stood on its footing, he said.

Expulsion demanded

Lucknow, Feb. 24 (UNI) Seven dissident Janata leaders of Uttar Pradesh in joint statement accused Raj Narain, former Union Minister of trying to 'wreck the Party by misguiding Chief Minister Ram Naresh Yadav and his colleagues'.

The statement demanded the Central Party leadership to expel Raj Narain from the Party 'for his anti-Party activities enough of which had already been experienced and tolerated by the Central leaders.

The statement signed by Rudra Sen Chaudhury, M.P., Pratap Narain Misra, Dr. Khan Mohammed Atif, R[illegible] Singh Yadav, Manna Lal, [illegible] Gupta and Raghava Ram Misra, appealed to JLP members to beware of the 'evil designs' of [illegible] Narain.

EXPORT - EXPORT BANK'S PACKAGE DEAL

New Delhi (IBS) - The Export-Import Bank has decided, in principle, to extend credit to India for the purchase of three Boeing 747 aircraft, to augment the fleet of Air India, import of cement technology from the United States and equipment for Bombay High.

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Matrimonial correspondence invited from a young medical doctor preferably a specialist for a 20 years young, pretty, doctors daughter, well cultured and versatile. Punjabi Khatri family of high class profesalonals well settled in Canada. Please forward full particulars with returnable photograph to M-1490, The Canadian India Times.

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Wanted a suitable match for a Punjabi gentleman, 26, 5'-8" tall, M.Sc. in Physics and M.Sc in Computer Science from Canadian Universities. Well settled, working as a system analyst in Ontario. Professional girls need apply - no bars. Please enclose immediately returnable photograph to G.S. Jolly, 98 Markham Drive, Sydney, Nova Scotia, B1S 2A1 - (902)-562-4441.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from preferably professional unattached ladies for a handsome sikh widower, mid forties, professional, well settled in Toronto area. Colour, caste, creed no bar. Write in strict confidence M-1503, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match for good-looking, a non-Catholic, Kerala Syrian Christian girl, 23, doing office work, earning $8,000. Relatives of boys in India with professional qualifications or graduation encouraged to contact M-1512, The Canadian India Times.

A very handsome Panjabi Hindu, 28, 5'-8" well settled, working as Government Auditor in States seeks pretty and talented girl. Box M-1513, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted established Bengalee gentleman for Brahmin girl, 23. Details: Batabyal, 87 Dalehurst Drive, Ottawa.

Born to:

Subhas and Ranjana Roy of Ottawa a son, Ronit. Brother to Shalini.

RSS drills banned

Lucknow, Feb. 22 (UNI) - The Uttar Pradesh Government has banned holding of Shakhas (drills) of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh in public parks, public buildings and schools. According to labour and Excise Minister Rama Shankar Kaushik.

The Minister said here that the orders to this effect were being issued.

Army deployed

Patna, Feb. 15 (UNI) - Army was deployed to check sabotage of power installations to ensure effective patrolling of transmission lines as sabotage of major power lines went on unabated in Bihar in the wake of a nine-day-old strike by over 40,000 powermen, a Bihar State Electricity Board spokesman said.

The spokesman said army helicopters will soon be pressed into service for surveillance. The board, however, claimed that power generation and supply continued in the areas not hit by sabotage.

More rail saftey measures

New Delhi, Feb. 17 (UNI) - Railway Minister Madhu Dandavate said that the Indian railways have initiated some steps to evolve a methodology of safe travel.

Inaugurating a conference of Railway Chief Safety Suprintendents here, he urged the Zonal Railways to go into the question of equipping all high density routes with automatic warning systems.

Action had already been taken to equip the suburban sections in Bombay, Madras and Calcutta with automatic warning systems.

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